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Applicant:

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner in the Final Office Action dated September 22, 2005, and in the Advisory Action dated February 1, 2006, finally rejecting Claims 1, 2, 4, 19 and 21-25.

[] Applicant claims small entity status
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Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the [X]total number of months checked below:

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[X]	Notice of Appeal Fee	\$500.00
[X]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00
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